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TO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY JIDDA IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, PFOR, LE, US

SUBJECT: US ARMS FOR LEBANON

REF: JIDDA 407; BEIRUT 837

1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS COMMENTS PARA 2 BEIRUT 837. AMBAS-  
SADOR AKINS SHOULD TELL PRINCE SULTAN THAT WE DO NOT THINK  
IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO HAVE US MILITARY MISSION VISIT  
LEBANON AT THIS TIME. IF SAUDIS DECIDE TO SEND A MILITARY  
SURVEY TEAM, LIAISON WITH USG WHILE IN LEBANON COULD BE  
HANDLED THROUGH EMBASSY BEIRUT DAO. SUBSEQUENTLY, PROCURE-  
MENT PROCEDURES COULD BE HANDLED BETWEEN SAUDIS AND US MILI-  
TARY AUTHORITIES IN SAUDI ARABIA.

2. AMBASSADOR AKINS SHOULD ALSO TELL PRINCE SULTAN THAT WE  
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WILL BE GLAD TO EXAMINE WITH SAUDIS THE VARIOUS TYPES OF

ARMAMENTS WE MIGHT SUPPLY LEBANON UNDER FINANCING BY SAUDI ARABIA, ALTHOUGH FINAL DECISIONS ON SUPPLY WILL OF COURSE HAVE TO BE MADE ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS. FYI: WE DO NOT WANT TO MAKE ANY SPECIFIC COMMITMENT AT THIS TIME. SAUDI OFFER TO PURCHASE US ARMS FOR LEBANON IS A WELCOME GESTURE AND CAN BE HELPFUL IN HEADING OFF PRESSURE FOR GOL TO PROCURE FROM LIBYANS, SYRIANS OR SOVIETS BUT ALSO COULD FACE US WITH REQUEST FOR SOPHISTICATED ANTI-AIRCRAFT AND ANTI-

TANK WEAPONRY AS WELL AS FOR EARLY DELIVERY WHICH COULD BE DIFFICULT OR IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO MEET. WHILE WE WISH TO BE AS RESPONSIVE AS POSSIBLE, WE HAVE HAD DIFFICULTY MEETING LEBANESE REQUESTS IN PAST. AS INDICATED BEIRUT 837, QUESTION OF SAUDI FINANCING OF US ARMS SALES TO LEBANON HAS NOT RPT NOT BEEN DISCUSSED WITH EMBASSY OR BEEN RAISED WITH US BY GOL. KISSINGER

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